

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**OCTOBER 16, 2016
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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WEEKLY CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

10/17 Mon.	7:00A	Communion Service
10/18 Tues.	7:00A- ...	Eucharistic Adoration
	5:00P	Eucharistic Benediction
	5:30P	No mass
10/19 Wed.	7:00A	No mass
10/20 Thurs.		
10/21 Fri.	9:30A	Rosary @ Custer Regional Senior Care
10/22 Sat.	4:45P- 5:15P	Reconciliation
	5:30P	<u>Mass Int.:</u> Loyd Thomsen
10/23 Sun.	7:15A- 7:45A	Reconciliation
	8:00A	<u>Mass Int.:</u> Harold Coates

Please bring photos of family and friends who have died to decorate the alcove for the month of November.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:		October 9, 2016
Regular Collection	\$1,850.00	Plate Collection \$740.00
Youth Collection	\$14.60	Cap. Improvements \$60.00
Seminarians	\$168.00	
General Donations Collected (to date)	:	\$44,907.62
General Budgeted Expenses (to date)	:	\$40,934.75
Difference (+/-)	:+	\$3,972.87

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS: Sr. Rosalie, Tyler Anderson, Lorena Bottum, Billie Colvin, Jackie DeKeyrel, Lois Dvorak, Elaine Emery, Sutishe Fireheart, Christine Gay, Gordon C. Gladdin, Jason Hafner, Jill Hart, Jerri Lee Hoeft, John Kocer, Connie Lynch, Michael Murphy, Jesse Olson, Lynus 'Pat' Ryan, Jimmy Schneller, Sherry Sharkey, Grace Snyder, Mitchell Snyder, Sue Tennyson, Loyd Thomsen, Terry Wakeland, Donale Walker, Roger Whiting, Mary Woytassek, Stephanie Zacher, and all residents of Custer Regional Senior Care Center, Wedgwood Assisted Living



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is available every Tuesday from 7:00A until 5:00P. A sign-up sheet is available in the entry of the church. "Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with your love so that I may always long for you alone, who are the bread of angels and the fulfillment of the soul's deepest desires. May my heart always hunger for you, so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of your presence."

Diocese 2016 Women's Retreat: Mary, Mother of Mercy on Nov. 4-6, Terra Sancta Retreat Center. Registration deadline is Oct. 26. More information can be found at www.terrasancta.org or contact Amy Julian at (605)716-5214, ext. 236, ajulian@diorc.org.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage #4 to be in Pine Ridge at Holy Rosary with Bishop Gruss presiding. Holy Rosary address is 100 Mission Dr. Office # (605)867-5491.

St. John Paul II relics presentation: You are invited to celebrate Memorial of St. John Paul II at the Blessed Sacrament Church on Oct. 22 at 8:00 am Mass. Blessed Sacrament Parish was able to obtain first class relics of St. John Paul II (particle of blood) which his home Archdiocese of Cracow generously shared with us. The official presentation of the relics will take place within context of Mass. The relics will be permanently displayed in the Blessed Sacrament Church chapel next to St. Faustina relic for public veneration.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tues., Oct. 18 5:30p

No Mass : Fr. Gerlach on annual Diocesan Priests' Retreat at Terra Sancta in Rapid City.

Wed., Oct. 19 7:00A

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Sat., Oct. 22 5:30p

Sacristan	John/Ione Fejfar
Servers	John Larcher, Thomas Dillon, Amelia Weiland
Readers	Fran Coy, Lonnie Arthur
EMHCs	Phyllis Wheeler, Catherine Fierberg, Lisa Krogman, Dee Hone
- Deacon	Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters	John/Mary Hoover
- West Door	Don Kistler

Sun., Oct. 23 8:00A

Sacristan	Samantha / Laura Wickham
Servers	Frank Rosa, Johnny / Joshua Wickham
Readers	Cherri Block, Anne Dvorak
EMHCs	Dave / Patty Wagner, Gayle Schneller, Teresa Fiala
- Deacon	Dn. Pat Coy
Greeters	Lewis family
- West Door	Mai Dillon

A Safe Environment For Children and Young People

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people.

To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the **Victim Assistance Coordinator**, Barbara Scherr. To insure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted at (605)209-3418 (cell).

The phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

In accordance with diocesan policy, all allegations of sexual misconduct involving children or young people and priests, deacons, lay employees, or volunteers serving the Diocese of Rapid City will be investigated. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People is posted on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website at www.usccb.org.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION **Sunday, Oct. 16th- Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"How can we show others the Mercy of God? We say that God is compassionate, but we ignore the poor. We say that God loves us and has mercy on us, but we hold grudges against our friends. Our actions need to authentically reflect God's mercy." Explore different ways that you can live out that mercy every day. Learn more about the Spiritual Works of Mercy and how you can live them in your daily life, reflect more deeply on God's call to mercy through scripture. (From www.RapidCityDiocese.org/family-life-ministries-social-justice/social-justice-commission)

.Association of Commissioned Lay Ministers serving the Catholic Diocese of Rapid City : The Nominations and Election Committee of the above association is seeking the names of interested candidates to fill the following positions with service commencing in April 2017:

Vice-Chair (four year commitment); **Secretary** (two year commitment); **Deanery Directors for Deanery 1**(two year commitment); **Nominations and Elections Standing Committee**(two members to be elected for a one year commitment).

Nominations for a deanery director are restricted to members resident in that deanery. Deanery 1 includes the parishes in Rapid City, Hermosa, Piedmont, New Underwood, Hill City, Keystone, Hot Springs, Custer and Edgemont.

Process: Association members may nominate themselves or others for the above positions. All nominations must be in writing and include a short biography and summary of the gifts and talents the person can bring to the office. Before names are placed on the ballot, the NEC will obtain the written consent of each individual nominated. Please send nominations by e-mail or US mail no later than October 21, 2016 to the NEC chair, Nancy Sass, via e-mail at nancy.sass@sasses.net or via US mail at Nancy Sass, Chair, 1080 Kings Rd. , Rapid City, SD. 57702.

Right to Life Thank You: A big thanks to all who helped in any way with the Fair, the Golf Tournament and/or the State Convention. A mass of thanksgiving for the intentions of all our benefactors and volunteers has been offered.-Diane Ange

Take a fresh look: The West River Catholic has a new appearance-check it out. In the October issue readers can see articles on Catholic Social Services honoring Rapid City businessman, Ray Hillenbrand; Democrat & Republican Party Platform excerpts; and the newest church built in the Diocese of Rapid City.

